



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

**MAY 2018**

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

How quickly the first four months of the year have come and gone! It is now May and we are on the threshold of summer after a long and contentious battle with winter. But these summer months, as much as they are an invitation to rest and to catch our breath after a busy winter and spring, can also be quite busy themselves. With trips planned, camps to attend, and long days spent trying to squeeze every ounce of joy out of the season, it doesn't take much for the months ahead of us to come and go so quickly that we wonder where they've gone.

I, too, plan to spend my first summer here in Murfreesboro taking advantage of all the wonderful things the surrounding area has to offer. I look forward to many rounds of golf, trips to Busch Gardens, at least one campout in Shenandoah National Park, days at the beach, my first Watermelon Festival, and countless other fun and exciting summertime activities. But in the midst of all that might fill my schedule, it is vital that I make time to be still.

One of my favorite things to do is to go hiking, and one of the best parts of a hike, I think, are those moments of rest you take before reaching the final destination. Although I love catching sight of the vista or the waterfall at the end of the trail, I also love those five minutes I take to rest along the way, to sit down on a fallen tree, to look around at the rhododendron and up at the towering canopy, and to listen to the birdsong and the rustle of squirrels as I take a drink of water and munch on a handful of trail mix.

In those moments I just get to be and to rest. Those five-minute breaks aren't the reason I set off on the hike, I didn't plan out in advance where I would stop or have any expectations of what might happen when I took that rest. But even though such moments happen without planning, I do still have to make sure they happen. When I see a nice spot or my mouth grows a little parched, it is still up to me to take those restful moments.

And so, this summer, as you and your family set about all of those exciting things that you have planned, I encourage you make time for those moments of true rest. Don't run yourself all the way to empty without taking time to refuel. Whether those moments for you are an early morning with a second cup of coffee, lingering just a little longer around the picnic table, or a quiet evening with a book

and a sunset, make sure you take the time you need to rest.

Prayers for a restful summer,  
Lane

## VBS MEETING

There will be a Vacation Bible School Meeting held on May 16 at 6 p.m. All VBS committee members and volunteers please plan to attend.



*Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.*

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held from 9 am-12 noon June 25-29. Children will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace on the river as they participate in music, recreation, science, Bible study, and crafts. We will have a daily snack as well. Crew leaders are needed. The annual ice cream social will be held on Wed., June 29. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please email Sarah Davis at [stdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:stdavis@hotmail.com) or call her at 396-8445 or 398-7227.

## THANKS TO

...Everyone who contributed to the Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser to support their summer mission work at Passport.

...Those of you who gave to support Chowan International Students to help send students to the annual North Carolina Baptist international student retreat in April at Fort Caswell.

...Everyone who donated candy and filled Easter eggs for the children's Easter egg hunt on March 28

## Kids' Club Cookout



**Wednesday, May 9 6:00**

Join us as we celebrate our Kids' Club with a cookout on May 9 at 6:00. This event will end of our Wednesday night activities until September. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments. The congregation is asked to provide the following items: baked beans, slaw, potato salad, chips, desserts, and drinks. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed with set-up or clean up, please contact Sarah Davis.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REPAIR WATER DAMAGE IN OUR NURSERY

At the April 29th quarterly conference, the congregation voted unanimously to authorize \$20,000 to replace leaking windows on the north side of the building, paint a water replant coating up to the chair rail in the nursery, and to install new carpet in the three rooms of the nursery, the K-5 classroom, the hallway, the stairwell nearest to the connector, and the Bethany Sunday School Class.

The twelve members of the Deacon Board and their families have already pledged, between now and December, over half of the funding that will be required to complete this project. But we still need your help! If you would like to contribute to the repairs, please make your check out to Murfreesboro Baptist Church and write "Nursery Repairs" in the memo line. With your help we can make sure our nursery is a safe, dry, and inviting place for our children.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SUMMER YOUTH MISSIONS

### Flamingo Fundraiser



Throughout the month of April, the MBC Youth had a flamingo fundraiser to raise funds for their summer Passport trip. Thank you to all who participated and enabled our youth to unite in fun fellowship throughout our town and bring smiles to those of you who were floored by the beautiful flamingos.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Frances Cole and Linda Hassel for being named Chowan University's 2017-18 Female Staff Members of the Year.

Congratulations to Jen Place for being awarded Chowan University's 2017-18 Excellence in Teaching Award.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Keith Reich will begin taking family photos for our new directory. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite breakfast casserole or pastry to share as we fellowship together and wait our turn to smile for the camera! Be on the lookout for more information and sign-up schedule.

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL . . .

Deacon of the Month  
Garth Faile

Opening the Church  
Garth Faile

Ushers  
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,  
Mike Alston, Freddie Bazen

Radio Ministry Sponsor  
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins

Communion  
May 13 Garth and Erin Faile  
June 4 Keith and Brooke Reich

Worship Leaders  
May 6 Claire Place; May 13 Garth Faile;  
May 20 Charlie Cole; May 27 Available

Caregivers  
Apr 29-May 12 Yvonne Warren; May 13-26  
Judy Clark; May 27-June 9 Eley Whitehead

Children's Sermon  
May 6 Sarah Davis; May 13 Lane Bass;  
May 20 Lori Harders; May 27 Susan Bass

Nursery Caregivers  
May 6, Charlie Cole, Emma Wood Boone, and Pat Torres; May 13 Charlie Cole, Ciera Cox, and Pat Torres; 20 Brian Duffy and Pat Torres; May 27 Sarah Davis, Chelsea Duffy, and Pat Torres

Sound System  
May 6 Ciera Cox; May 13 Matty Grace Gilliam; May 20 Steve Harders; May 27 Patty Joyner

Acolytes  
May 6 Will Revelle; May 13 Jimmy Boone; May 20 Elizabeth Brown; May 27 Molly Brown

Flowers  
May 6 Brinson and Lorene Paul; May 13 Available; May 20 Garth and Erin Faile; May 27 Colon and Jane Ballance



**Food Pantry Needs**

The Church Food Pantry is in need of supplies. Please remember others in our area who are in need by donating non-perishable foods. We are in need of everything including canned goods, pasta, rice, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, jelly and cereal.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### APRIL, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$135,509.40
Gifts and Offerings YTD	\$122,588.77
Other Income	<u>3,351.98</u>
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$9,568.65)

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A detailed financial statement for April is available in the church office. The above information on contributions to the church's Ministry Plan was taken from the monthly financial report thru April 30, 2018.

## BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed Tuesday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

## GRADUATE INFO?

Do you have a high school, college or professional graduate in your family this spring? If so, please let us know so we can make sure all of our graduates are properly recognized. Call the church office (398-3613) or email ([office@murfbc.org](mailto:office@murfbc.org)) to share the name, school, and degree of your member of the class of 2018.

## UPCOMING DATES

May 1 Deacons' Meeting  
May 2 Big Wednesday  
May 8 Food Bank of the Albemarle  
May 9 Kids' Club Cookout  
May 13 Mother's Day  
May 13 Communion  
May 16 VBS Meeting  
May 20 Pentecost (wear red to church)  
May 28 Memorial Day (Office Closed)  
May 29 MBC Food Pantry

Jun. 5 Deacons' Meeting  
Jun. 12 Food Bank of the Albemarle  
Jun. 17 Father's Day  
Jun. 17-22 Youth at Passport Camp  
Jun. 25-29 Vacation Bible School  
Jun. 25 MBC Food Pantry

Summer 2018  
New Church Directory *More Info to Follow*

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY



May 7 Heather Boyd  
May 8 Dot Combs  
May 10 Susan Alston  
May 10 Mike Bunch  
May 11 Jimmy Boone  
May 12 Nancy Peden  
May 14 Pat Torres  
May 15 Booker Daniel  
May 18 Peg McLean  
May 18 Hal Thomas  
May 20 Darren Piper  
May 28 Trey Gilliam  
May 28 Lane Bass

*Don't see your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know when your special day is!*

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

...Thank you notes to the church were received in April from: Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. and Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

## CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS  
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST & INTERIM  
CHOIR DIRECTOR  
SEAN TIMMONS..YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN  
TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS  
TERESA MARTIN.....ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 am-1:30 pm  
252-398-3613 [www.murfbc.org](http://www.murfbc.org)

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Administrative Office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

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Return Service Requested